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ENGAGEMENTS.

Mr R. Fisher, of Pukerimu, Waikato, is shortly to be married to Miss Carley.

Miss Woodway, Auckland, is engaged to Mr. Jack Jackson, Remuera.

Miss Ruth, of Ruth's Island, is engaged to Mr. Walter Frater, Wellington.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Raymond Biss, of Auckland, to Miss Bleazard Brown, also of this city.

Miss Mabel Tilly, Auckland, is engaged to Captain Prosser, of the s.s. Pakeha, and is going to Dunedin to be married in three weeks' time.

The engagement is announced of Miss McVay, of Napier Terrace and Mr. Palairat, of the Union Bank of Australia, Napier.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

NEWCOMBE—BIDDICK.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at Kohimarama on Wednesday, 13th inst., when Miss Bertha Biddick, youngest daughter of Captain Biddick, was married to Mr William Newcombe, second son of Mr Richard Newcombe, of Kohimarama. The Rev. G. B. Monro officiated. The bride was given away by her father, Miss Emma Biddick being bridesmaid, and Mr George Newcombe best man.

MCDONALD—WHITTLE.

A quiet wedding was celebrated on the 20th inst., at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier, when Mr Hugh McDonald, of Omaha, was married to Miss Ellen Whittle, daughter of Mr T. Whittle, of Pukeitahi. The bridesmaid was Miss Whittle, and Mr T. Parker attended the bridegroom as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev J. A. Asher. A reception was afterwards held by the relatives of the bride. The bride wore her travelling dress of crimson cloth relieved with cream, and a black hat, and the bridesmaid wore dark grey and a hat to match.

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Society Gossip

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, May 23.
On Saturday, the 9th inst., there was a large meet at Okawa of the

HAWKES BAY HUNT CLUB.
when Messames Russell, Hassell, Lowry, Misses Violet and Marjorie Russell, Fitzroy, Waterhouse, Coleman, Messrs Sutherland, Watt, M. Nelson, Broughton, A. H. Russell, T. H. Lowry, C. White, Bennett and Fitzroy were present. Want of scent seems to have been a prevailing complaint, and such was the case again on the 13th, when the meet, which was at Sherenden, was numerous-ly attended by both sexes. Mrs and the Misses Russell were, of course, present, so were Mr and Miss Fitzroy, the Misses Moore, Waterhouse and Mason, Messrs Russell, White, Watt, Nelson, T. H. Lowry and many more, who turned out to enjoy a capital gallop.

At the Athenaeum Hall (Browning-street),

A SERIES OF LECTURES will be given, commencing on June 9, by the following:—Messrs Westall, P. S. McLenn, J. W. Joryt, J. Thornton, G. D. Stock, W. Dinwiddie, E. J. Parr, W. T. Sharp, J. W. Cargill, H. Hill, Dr Moore and the Rev J. A. Asher.

Mr and Mrs Goldsmith gave an

ENJOYABLE DANCE at their residence, Lincoln-road, on the 19th inst, at which over 40 guests were present. The dancing took place in the dining-room, which was beautifully decorated. The guests began to arrive shortly after eight o'clock; dancing commenced soon after, and was kept up with great spirit until an advanced hour.

Amongst those present were:—Messdames Henley and Peacock, Misses Margoliouth, Cornford, Hotley, Dean, Todd, Fanning, Kennedy, Nevill, Seale, Dr Henley, Messrs Braubant, Murray, Cotterill, Munroe, Tomlinson, Dixon, Hindmarsh, Peacock, Margoliouth, Cornford, Rodie, etc.

In the **LADIES' FOURSOMES**

at the Waiohiki Golf Links, for which there were numerous entries. Misses Kennedy and Davis were first, with 85-7-78. The next best scores were—Mrs James McLean and Miss Locking, 90-10-80; Misses M. and L. McLean, 95-13-82; Misses Todd and Fanning, 97-14-83; Mrs E. Cato and Miss Balfour, 100-14-86; Mrs Arthur Kennedy and Miss Chapman, 102-15-87; Messdames Cargill and Hector Smith, 88-84-88.
MARJORIE.

ROTORUA.

Dear Bee, May 25.

There has been a fair amount of excitement here this week on account of the visit of the Premier and Mrs Seddon to Rotorua. Mrs Seddon, Miss Ruby Seddon, and Master Seddon arrived on Friday, the 22nd, and did a good deal of sight-seeing before the Premier arrived on the following Tuesday. Full accounts of proceedings following his arrival have been published, so I need not detain you by repeating them. Perhaps a short account of the

GARDEN PARTY

in the Sanatorimu grounds may prove of interest to you. The guests and the Premier and Mrs Seddon arrived at the grounds after three o'clock, long after the hour they were expected, but their delay was caused by the refusal of Wairoa geyser to respond to soaping, and the consequent waiting in the hope of seeing it. The Sanatorimu grounds presented a very lively appearance with the Maori band in uniform in the rotunda, discoursing gay music, and crowds of people (many fairly-dressed Maoris among them) upon the green lawns. The tea tent was prettily decorated with trailing lycopodium and tree ferns, in addition to its usual dainty little tea tables. Many of the latter were scat-

tered about on the adjoining lawn. A programme of songs, etc., had been arranged, but owing to the late arrival of the guests only half the number of items were given. Upon the arrival of the carriages conveying the guests a hearty welcome was extended. The Premier and party, who ascended the rotunda, where two bouquets were presented to Mrs Seddon and Miss Seddon by little girls. Mr S. T. Brent, in a short, enthusiastic speech introduced Mr Seddon, who responded and expressed his pleasure at the compliment paid him by the people of Rotorua, and then referred to other matters principally connected with Rotorua. The piano was stationed in the rotunda, and from thence the solos were given. Two part songs by Whakarewarewa Maori school children were greatly appreciated, as also were songs by Mrs Peave, Miss Malfroy, and Mr Tomlinson, and a recitation by Mr London. Miss Empson acted as accompanist. The guests appeared to greatly enjoy several pol dances by Maori girls. The rest of the programme was dispensed with, as time was limited, and everyone adjourned for afternoon tea. This was in the hands of a committee of ladies, and was most successfully arranged, proving as always a most enjoyable part of the afternoon. Mrs Seddon was wearing black, with handsome sealskin jacket, black hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs Wohlmann, black velvet with white Maltese lace collar, black toque; Mrs Nunnely, black serge; Mrs Peave, grey silk, floral toque; Mrs Penney, black; Mrs Barron, black, white Astrachan collar and muff, black picture hat; Mrs Turner, black; Mrs Malfroy, black; Mrs Crowther, brown velvet, hat to match; Mrs Speers, black silk; Mrs D. Griffiths, black; Mrs Parker, black; Mrs Andrews, black velvet blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Young, black; Mrs T. Walker, Royal blue costume; Miss Turner, navy serge; Miss Hawksworth, black, strapped with black silk, black hat; Miss Griffiths, cornflower blue cashmere; Miss Giffen, grey coat and skirt; Miss Maunsell, black costume; Miss Empson, navy Russian costume, bluey grey hat with grey bird; Miss Malfroy, black skirt, red blouse, grey jacket and hat trimmed with red; Miss Burgoyne, dark skirt, peacock green blouse, black hat. There were crowds of others, but space will not permit me to mention more. The arrangements for the garden party were ably managed by Mr D. Griffiths, Mr Parker, Dr Wohlmann, Revs. Blackburne, and Kreynburg, Mr Breat, and Mr Peave.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, May 26.

The date of the ball to be given to His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly has been definitely fixed for Tuesday, June 10th. Col. Davies, C.B., has kindly allowed the use of the Drill Hall for the occasion. Gentlemen's tickets are to be £1 1/, and ladies' 10/6—the same prices that were charged for tickets to the ball given twelve years ago by the citizens of Auckland to Lord and Lady Onslow. Lists have been placed in the hands of several prominent citizens, who will at an early date canvass for the names of gentlemen willing to act as guarantors against any loss. The ball, however, is being taken up so enthusiastically, not only by the committee, but by the public, that it is not at all probable that the guarantors will ever be called upon to fulfil their promises. The gathering should be one of the finest held in Auckland. The dancing room will be 140 feet by 70 feet, and the gun-room, 100 feet by 40 feet, will make an admirable supper-room, so that the guests need have little fear of the hall being overcrowded.

His Excellency Lord Ranfurly kindly consented to open the

MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

formally last Friday. The Governor was accompanied by Lady Ranfurly, Ladies Constance and Eileen Knox. The Vice-regal party were received at the gate by Canon MacMurray, Mr Upton and others, and passed through a lane of Maori boys, who sang "God Save the King" in Maori as they passed. During the afternoon addresses were given by His Excellency the Governor, Bishop Neligan, Canon MacMurray, Rev Bennet, Messrs Ngata, Upton, and H. B. Morton. At the close of the proceedings

three hearty cheers were given for the Governor and party.

Some of the ladies present were—Lady Ranfurly, in a very pretty Redwood face-cloth costume, with long coat of same material, large black hat trimmed with ostrich feathers; Lady Constance Knox, pale blue grey zibeline Eton coat and skirt, erenon vest with silver belt and a pretty shaded hat; Mrs Neligan wore a grey tucked voile, large black picture hat; Mrs MacMurray, black costume, pretty black bonnet trimmed with white-coloured velvet; Mrs Philson, grey costume with silver grey hat, trimmed with pink roses; Mrs Nelson, black cloth costume, black bonnet relieved with touches of green velvet; Mrs Carver, dark blue cloth coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Arson, pale grey gown, erenon vest, pretty green hat; Mrs Tom Philson, grey voile, trimmed with erenon insertion, black toque; Mrs Kinder, black Eton coat and skirt, white silk vest, burnt straw hat trimmed with ribbon and autumn leaves; Miss Ludder (Sydney), grey tucked canvas, pretty grey hat; Mrs A. V. McDonald, blue tailored-made cloth gown, black and white toque; Mrs Moss, black, handsome black cloak, black bonnet with violets; Miss Moss, grey silk voile, with black strappings, pink hat; Miss Annie Ross, blue cloth coat and skirt, with green velvet facings, pale blue flop hat with green wing; Miss Stevenson, navy blue frizze with Paris lace, hat to match; Miss Stevenson, slate blue zibeline, black picture hat; Mrs Davis, black costume; Miss Dolly Davis, blue flecked tweed with black and white strappings, black hat; Mrs F. Banne, green cloth costume with black strappings, black toque, sable furs; Mrs Nathan, blue cloth costume, cream vest, black picture hat; Miss Alice Binney, blue frizze, strapped with black, white felt hat trimmed with roses; Miss Tussie Binney, grey with green strappings, black hat; Mrs Heather, black silk, black and white embroidered yoke, black toque, black ostrich feather boa; Miss Marjorie Toke, blue cloth piped with black, large black hat and brown furs; Mrs Gillies, black silk pink and black bonnet, feather boa; Miss Gillies, brown tweed, tuscany hat, pheasant's wing (tipper) and muff; Mrs J. B. Morton, black costume; Miss Reay, black skirt, green velvet coat and black and green toque; Mrs Nolan, cornflower blue Eton coat and skirt, black tucked silk blouse, pink hat; Miss Winnie Dudley, navy blue cloth faced with black, black hat; Mrs McCosh Clark, braided black cloth gown, black and cream toque; Miss McCosh Clark, dark navy blue tailored-made costume, fuscian straw hat trimmed with velvet ribbon and autumn berries; Miss Shepherd, grey Russian costume, black and white toque trimmed with violets; Mrs Daere, black coat and skirt, black and silver bonnet, brown furs; Miss Daere, blue flecked tweed trimmed with dark blue and white strappings, felt hat to match; Mrs Calder, brown cloth, pink vest and pink bonnet; Miss Buckland, black cloth, cream vest, black hat; Mrs Aickon, navy blue cloth coat and skirt, black bonnet; Miss Olive Aickin, black tucked voile, black astrachan toreorah hat; Mrs Hugh Campbell, black mourning costume, with brown furs; Mrs Towsley, black skirt, tucked black silk Eton coat, white vest, white boa and pale blue hat; Mrs Turner, black skirt, black silk blouse, large black picture hat; Miss Pierce, blue costume with cream lace collar, black and green hat; Mrs Thomas, brown cloth coat and skirt, brown hat; Miss Beale, black voile skirt, sea-green silk blouse, cream net and insertion collar, black hat with feathers; Miss Lusk, black tailor-made costume, white vest, blue hat; Miss Dagnar Gilliland, rosewood costume, brown heavier hat; Miss Haultain, dark grey, black hat; Mrs Lule Bloomfield, grey Russian costume, white

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